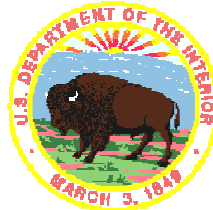




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Removal of Mineral Materials from BLM Land Requires Permit

Vale, OR, October 19 – Removal of large amounts of mineral materials such as rocks, sand, and gravel from areas managed by the Vale District of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), or removal of any amount of mineral materials from designated community pits and common use areas, require purchasing a permit as outlined in Title 43 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR). “The price for specific commodities varies. However, it ranges from .50 per cubic yard to \$5 per ton.” Says minerals specialist Bill Holsheimer.

“Small amounts of these materials, not exceeding 250 pounds per trip, may be collected for personal or nonprofit use without a permit on lands not designated as common use or community pits. The removal of larger amounts, removal for commercial purposes, or removal from designated areas require the purchase of a permit.” Says Holsheimer.

The Vale District of the BLM manages approximately 5.8 million acres of federal mineral estate in Eastern Oregon. Under the mineral materials program the Bureau manages the exploration, development, and disposal of mineral materials such as sand, stone, gravel, and other common rocks from public lands by sale or free use.

Mineral materials are basic natural resources used in everyday building, and other construction uses. Adequate local supplies of these basic resources are vital to economic life of any community. BLM's policy is to make these materials available to the public and local governmental agencies whenever possible, and wherever it is environmentally acceptable.

Persons interested in obtaining information on collecting or buying mineral materials should contact the Vale District Office at 100 Oregon St, Vale, OR 97918 (541 473-3144), or the Baker Field Office at 3165 10th St, Baker City, OR 97814 (541 523-1256).